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In re Application of

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002, and Advisory Action dated September 25, 2002, Applicant brings the following argument to the attention of the Examiner as new arguments accompanying the Request for Continued Examination concurrently filed.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 14 are all of the claims pending in the present Application. The After Final Amendment filed August 29, 2002, has been entered into the record. Claim 14 is allowed, pending submission of a Supplemental Declaration under 37 CFR §1.67. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over US Patent 6,096,648 to Lopatin et al. Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Lopatin, further in view of US Patent 6,037,664 to Zhao et al.

These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the following discussion.